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In re application of Bengt GUSS *et al.*
Serial No. 09/147,405
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For: New Fibrinogen Binding Protein Originating From Coagulase-Negative Staphylococcus

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the office action dated April 9, 2003, the period for response to which is set to expire on July 9, 2003.

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and remarks that follow. All claim cancellations and amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amendments to the specification appear on the attached sheet labeled "Amendments to the Specification".

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the attached sheet labeled "Listing of Claims".

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Amendments to the drawings appear on the attached sheet labeled "Amendments to the Drawings" and include attached replacement sheets for figures 3, 6, 7 and 11.

Remarks/Arguments are found on the attached sheet having the heading "Remarks/Arguments".